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The WHEEL of LIFE
KURANISHI
TRENDY CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES --THOSE ARE GIRLS' FAVORITE THINGS, NO MATTER WHEREIN THE WORLD THEY ARE FROM.
CROSSROADS - PART 1

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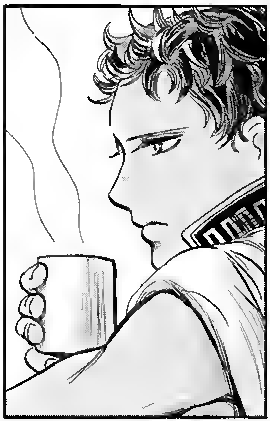

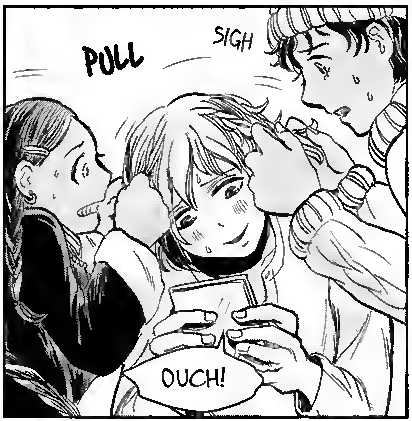


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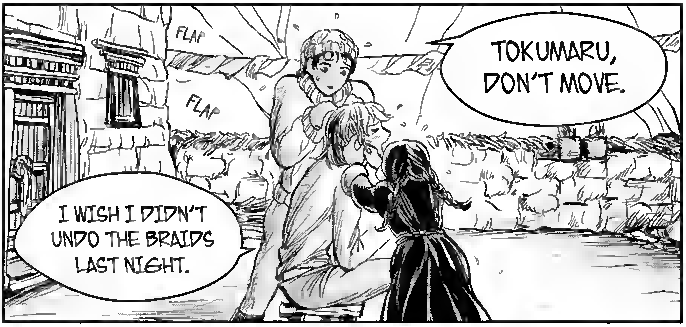
FLAP
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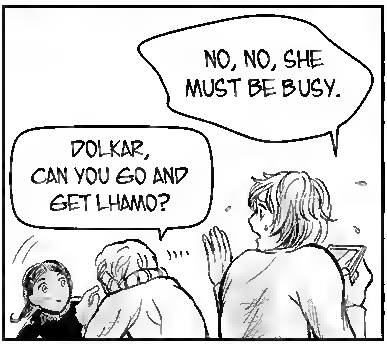
TOKUMARU, DON'T MOVE.
I WISH I DIDN'T UNDO THE BRAIDS LAST NIGHT.


NO, NO, SHE MUST BE BUSY.
DOLKAR, CAN YOU GO AND GET LHAMO?
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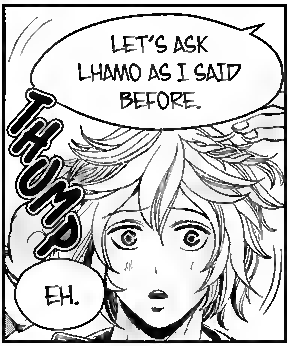
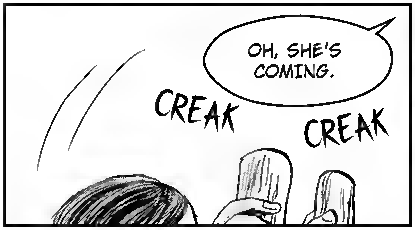

LET'S ASK LHAMO AS I SAID BEFORE.
THUMP
EH.

HEY, LHAMO?
WHY ISN'T LHAMO HERE YET?
I TOLD YOU. SHE'S TOO BUSY.

I DON'T NEED BRAIDS. REALLY.
IT'LL BE QUICK IF LHAMO DOES THEM.
SONAM GETS DRESSED QUICKLY

WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO HER? NOT TALKING AT ALL WILL BE AWKWARD.

I'LL PUT A SCARF ON ANYWAY.
BUT YOU LOO MORE FEMININE WITH BRAIDS.


OH, SHE'S COMING.
CREAK
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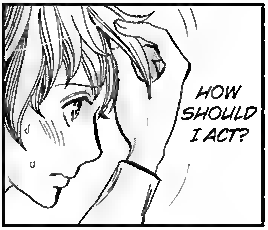
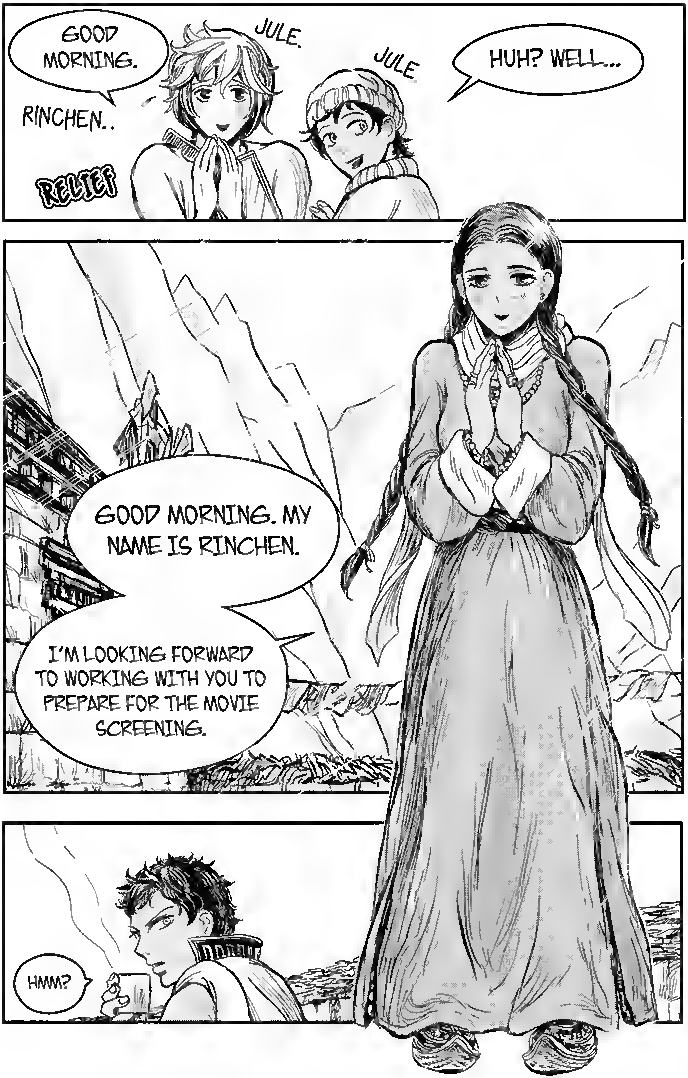
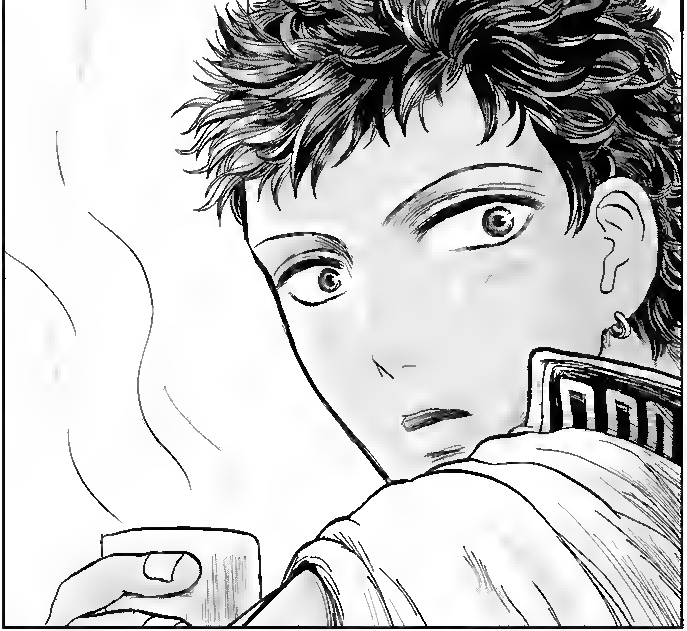
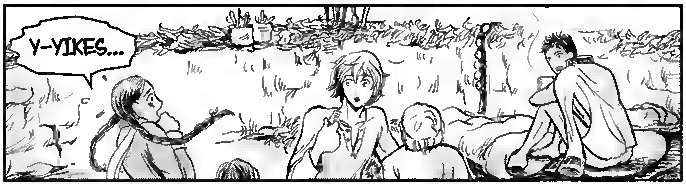
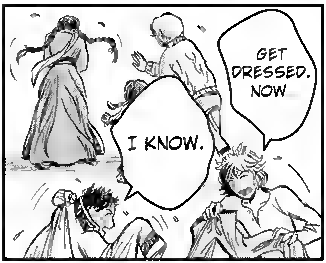

HOW SHOULD I ACT?

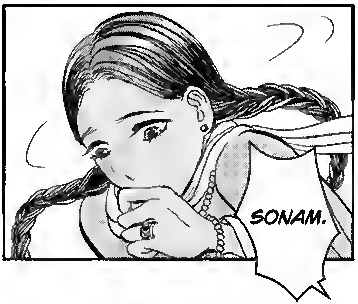
GOOD MORNING.


GOOD MORNING.
RINCHEN..
RELIEF
JULE.
JULE
HUH? WELL...
GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RINCHEN.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO PREPARE FOR THE MOVIE SCREENING.
HMM?



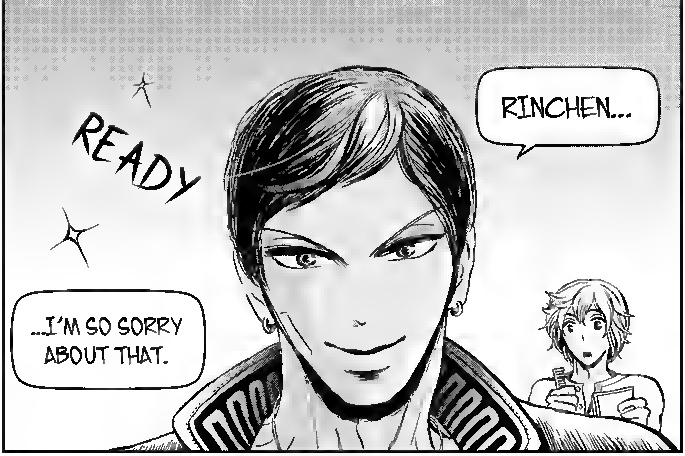

Y-YIKES...

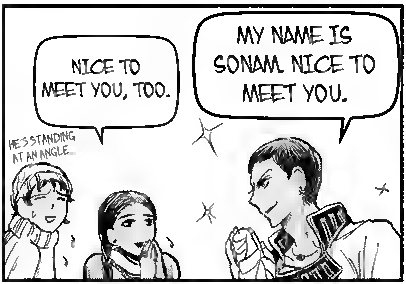

GET DRESSED. NOW
I KNOW.

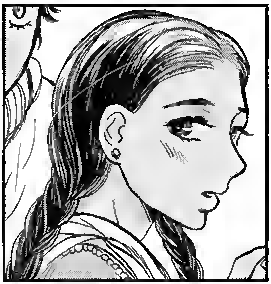

SONAM.

TOKUMARU!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? SHE WAS WITH LHAMO WHEN WE ARRIVED IN THIS VILLAGE AND BUMPED INTO LHAMO.
WHO'S THAT? SHE'S CUTE.
HAS HE RECOVERED ALL OF SUDDEN? HE S LOOKED OFF SINCE LAST NIGHT.
I SEE.
NO, 'CAUSE I WAS UPSET AT THAT TIME ...

IT'S AWKWARD TO BRAID A MAN'S HAIR.
OH, RINCHEN, PLEASE.
LHAMO IS TOO BUSY WITH THE PREPARATIONS.
IF SO, CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE BRAIDS, RINCHEN?
SONAM, WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SHOOT! I COULD'VE MADE A GREAT MEMORY IN THE VILLAGE OF TABA.
I'LL HELP YOU
O-OKAY
I'M BEGGING YOU
EVEN A GOOD-LOOKING MAN LIKE ME CAN'T MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION IF HE HAS MESSY HAIR, RIGHT?
HUH?
THERE'S NO PROBLEM DOING THAT JUST AS YOU ARE
I WANNA TALK TO THE CUTE GIRL IN FRONT OF ME. CAN'T YOU GET IT?
NOW!
WHY?
TOKUMARU, PASS ME YOUR COMB AND MIRROR.

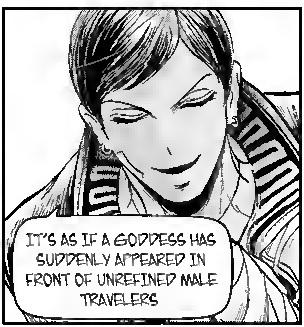

READY
RINCHEN...
...I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THAT.

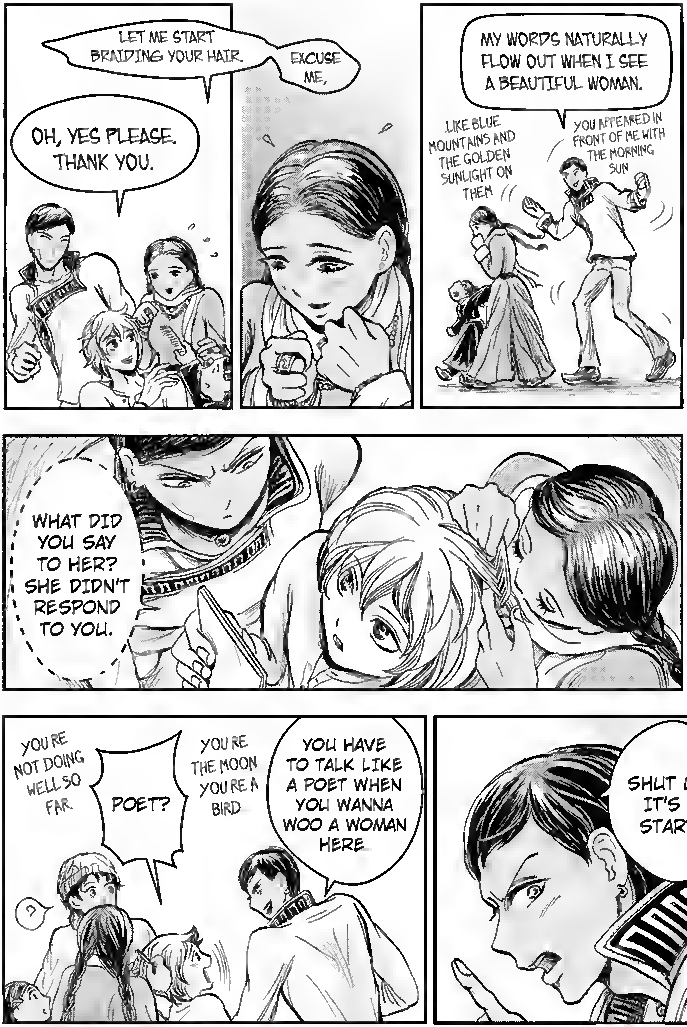

NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.
MY NAME IS SONAM. NICE TO MEET YOU.
HE'S STANDING AT AN ANGLE...



SHE LOOKS TAKEN ABACK.

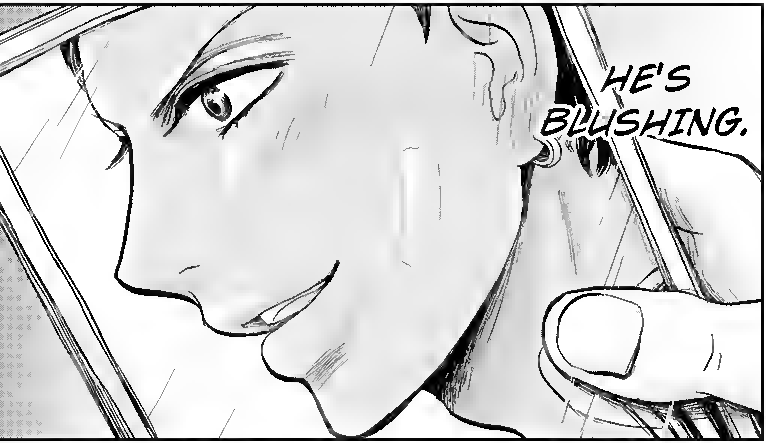
WHAT?

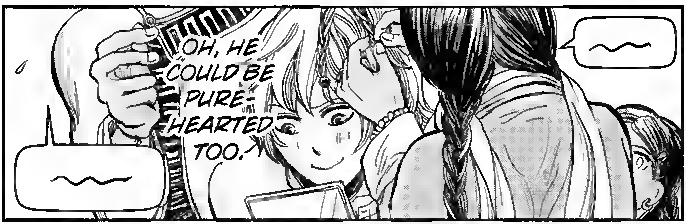

IT'S AS IF A GODDESS HAS SUDDENLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF UNREFINED MALE TRAVELERS

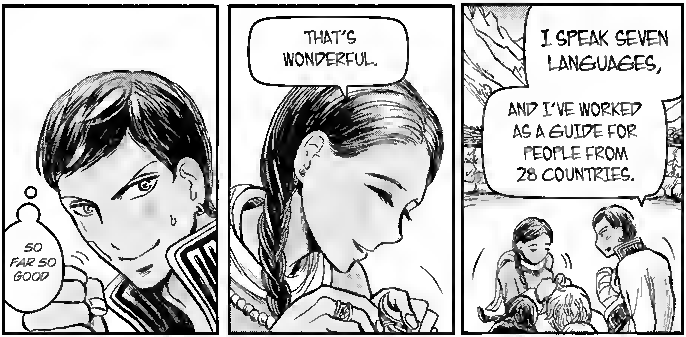

LET ME START BRAIDING YOUR HAIR.
EXCUSE ME,
OH, YES PLEASE. THANK YOU.
MY WORDS NATURALLY FLOW OUT WHEN I SEE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.
LIKE BLUE MOUNTAINS AND THE GOLDEN SUNLIGHT ON THEM
YOU APPEARED IN FRONT OF ME WITH THE MORNING SUN
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER? SHE DIDN'T RESPOND TO YOU.
YOU'RE NOT DOING WELL SO FAR
POET?
YOU'RE THE MOON YOU'RE A BIRD
YOU HAVE TO TALK LIKE A POET WHEN YOU WANNA WOO A WOMAN HERE
?
SHUT UP! IT'S A START.

SORRY. MY ENGLISH IS BAD.
SHE WANTS YOU TO LOOK DOWN A BIT.
I SEE
EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU LOOK DOWN A BIT?
PARDON?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT US FROM LHAMO?
TOKUMARU, BE MINDFUL. SHE'S VERY SHY
ELBOW
NO, NOT THAT. I COULDN'T HEAR YOU BECAUSE YOU TALK SOFTLY.
DID SHE SAY ANYTHING STRANGE?
A LITTLE BIT.
YES,

SHE TOLD ME NAMGYAL-SAN IS A DEVOTED HUSBAND,
AND SONAM-SAN USED TO BE A MONK.
NO...
OH, CAN YOU?
WOW
YES. I'VE BEEN TO MANY SACRED PLACES BECAUSE OF MY JOB.
HOW MANY DETAILS DID SHE TELL HER?
WELL...IT'S COMPLICATED.
I STILL CAN RECITE THE BUDDHIST SUTRA.
HUH? SONAM...
OH, YOUR HAIR LOOKS NICE.


HE'S BLUSHING.


OH, HE COULD BE PURE-HEARTED TOO.

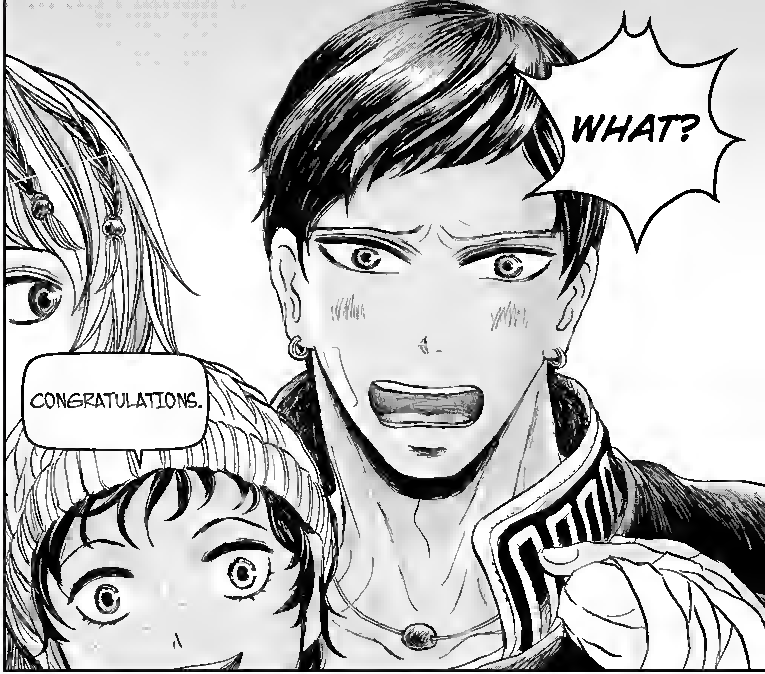

SO FAR SO GOOD
THAT'S WONDERFUL.
I SPEAK SEVEN LANGUAGES,
AND I'VE WORKED AS A GUIDE FOR PEOPLE FROM 28 COUNTRIES.

ARE YOU GONNA CHANGE?
I'LL BE DOWNSTAIRS.
YOUR HAIR'S DONE
YOU'LL DEFINITELY LOOK LIKE A WOMAN ONCE YOU PUT ON A DRESS.
AM I SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPY?
THANK YOU.
WHAT?
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.

I'M GONNA WIN OVER RINCHEN-SAN.
I'VE GOT EVERY GIRL I WANTED IN THE PAST.
LEARN FROM ME AND USE IT TO WIN OVER LHAMO.
YOU'RE A LOUSY LIAR.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT LHAMO THAT WAY.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?
REALLY? THEN, TELL ME.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YOU CAN'T HELP IT. YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN A RELATION-SHIP.

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN KISSED A GIRL, HAVE YOU?
I SORT OF HAD A GIRLFRIEND IN JUNIOR HIGH...
BUT NOTHING HAPPENED.
GULP
Y...YEAH I HAVE.
IN BOYS' SCHOOL? WITH A MEMBER OF THE ASTRONOMY CLUB?
NO WAY.
IT WAS MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUS-CITATION TRAINING WITH A DOLL
WELL, WELL...
TAP
DON'T MAKE UP A STORY.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
GIRLS GAVE ME CHOCOLATE ON VALENTINE'S DAY
CHOCO-LATE?
WHAT'S THAT?

I'D EVEN GO BACK TO LEHLI, IF RINCHEN WANTS.
BUT... WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO? WE'RE LEAVING SOON
LET'S GO.
YOU'RE SO FICKLE
I FELT DESTINY.
WHAT? YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE NEVER GONNA GET MARRIED.
OH, WELL
HE'S TOO DRAMATIC.

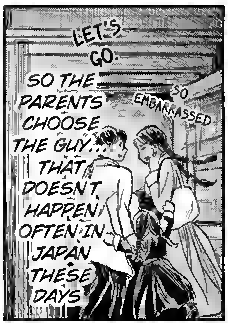

WHAT?
CONGRATULATIONS.

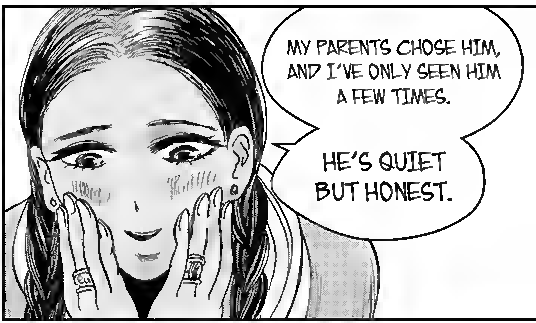
NOD
NEXT SPRING, RIGHT?

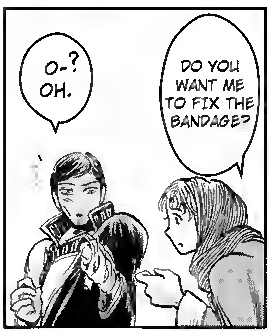
WHAT?
RINCHEN IS ALREADY ENGAGED.
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

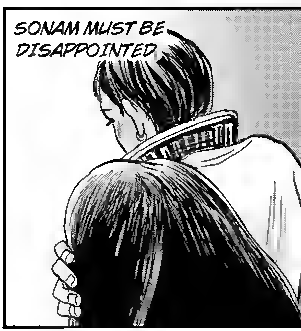
HOW DOES SONAM FEEL ABOUT IT?
REALLY? I THINK SHE AND LHAMO ARE THE SAME AGE.
CONGRATULATIONS.
I SHOWED UP TOO LATE.
YOU'RE LUCKY SONAM DIDN'T CATCH YOU.
IT'S TOKUMARU'S FAULT. IF HE HAD COME FROM JAPAN EARLIER, I COULD'VE MET YOU FIRST.
THAT'S TOO FARFETCHED
WHAT?

TELL US ABOUT THE GUY.
THANK YOU.
AH... CONGRATULATIONS
THAT'S A MEAN THING TO SAY, LHAMO.
TOKUMARU, SAY CONGRATS.


LET'S GO.
SO THE PARENTS CHOOSE THE GUY... THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN IN JAPAN THESE DAYS.
EMBARRASSED

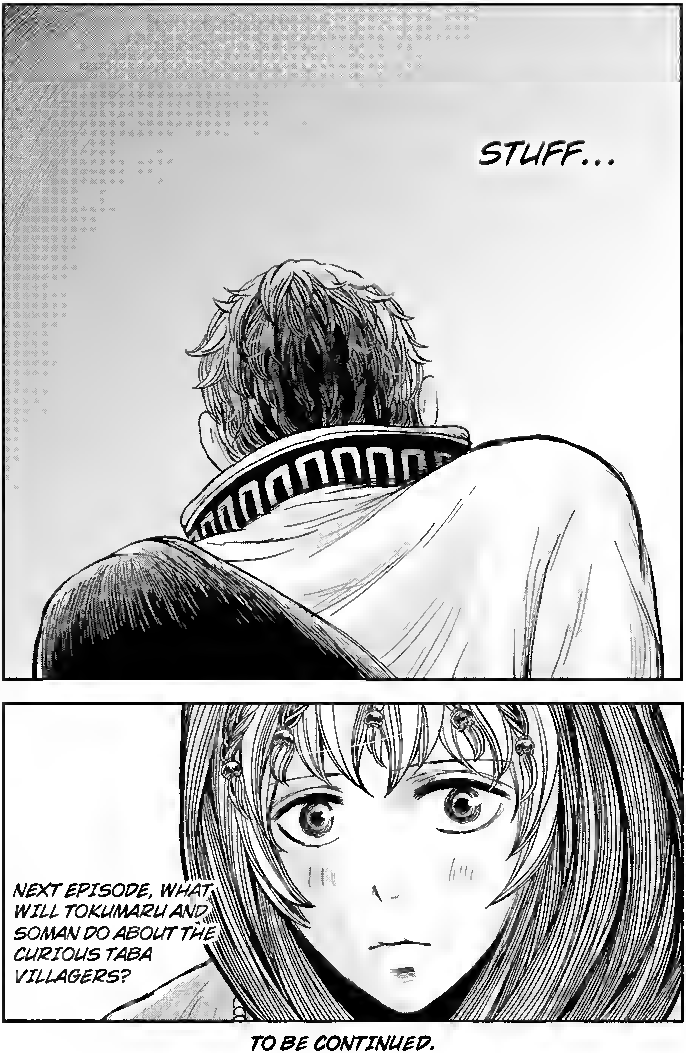

MY PARENTS CHOSE HIM, AND I'VE ONLY SEEN HIM A FEW TIMES.
HE'S QUIET BUT HONEST.


O-? OH.
DO YOU WANT ME TO FIX THE BANDAGE?


SONAM MUST BE DISAPPOINTED

THANKS
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL
WE WEREN'T MEANT TO BE IN THIS LIFE.
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
AGAIN? JUST FORGET ABOUT THAT.
NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN.
WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING?
HERE?
GRAB THAT SIDE.
I JUST CAME HERE TO LOOK FOR MY BROTHER

FLAP
FLAP
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD IS CONNECTED.
IT'S BETTER TO REGRET TAKING AN ACTION THAN NOT DOING ANYTHING.
READY?
IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT.
ARE YOU REALLY SHOCKED ABOUT RINCHEN'S ENGAGEMENT?
ACTUALLY, EVEN THE FORMER IS NEVER EASY.
STUFF HAPPENS... YOU KNOW.

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